

Introduced by Senator De LeónFebruary 23, 2012

An act to add Section 8509 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1270, as introduced, De León. The Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy.

Existing law establishes the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy in state government, with a specified membership to oversee the Bureau of State Audits and assist the Governor and the Legislature to promote efficiency in state government.

This bill would prohibit a commissioner from serving on, or acting as a chairperson of, a committee, or voting on any matter where the commissioner has a conflict of interest or where the commissioner's interest may cause a reasonable person to doubt the commissioner's impartiality. This bill would also require the commission, on or before July 1, 2013, to promulgate regulations to define a conflict of interest and associated remedies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8509 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:

1 8509. (a) No commissioner may serve on, or act as a
2 chairperson of, a committee, nor vote on any matter where the
3 commissioner has a conflict of interest or where the
4 commissioner's interest may cause a reasonable person to doubt
5 the commissioner's impartiality.

6 (b) On or before July 1, 2013, the commission shall promulgate
7 regulations defining conflicts of interest of commissioners, and
8 shall prescribe remedies for a conflict of interest. Regulations shall
9 include, but not be limited to, actual or perceived conflicts of
10 interest arising from a commissioner's employment or financial
11 interests and prohibitions against serving on, or acting as a
12 chairperson of, a committee and voting.